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GLENDALE'S HOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM BENEFITS FAMILY

GLENDALE, Ariz. - Occasionally dreams can come true. In a scene similar to "Extreme Makeover" on television, a local family now has a new manufactured home -- thanks to Glendale's Home Replacement Program.

The program is coordinated by staff in the Community Revitalization Division of the City of Glendale. It's designed specifically to serve a focused area in the city, which includes several mobile home communities. One, Granada Estates, runs along 67th Avenue between Paradise Lane and Greenway Road; and another mobile home subdivision, Casa Campana, is also along 67th Avenue, just south of Bell Road.

Recently Sahuaro District Councilmember Steve Frate proudly presented the keys to her new home to Tracy Rotan and her four daughters.

For residents to qualify for the program, they must meet low –to- moderate income guidelines, as established by the Housing & Urban Development (HUD) agency. Locally, the Community Revitalization Division administers federal dollars called Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME). HOME Investment funds are specifically used for the home replacement program.

Additionally, residents must have lived in their home at least one year, and own their unit and the land attached to the unit. Since the start of the Home Replacement Program in 2003, six manufactured homes have been replaced in this targeted area. All the manufactured homes have been purchased using dealers in Glendale. The units are energy efficient and built to meet all the building standards for new construction.

The City of Glendale has received more than \$53 million in federal funds since FY1977-78, which has helped thousands of residents and leveraged millions in additional funds. This money enables the Community Revitalization Division to provide valuable public services, improve neighborhood conditions, and offer homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families, and increase access to safe, decent, and sanitary housing.

For more information about the programs offered by the Community Revitalization Division, call 623-930-3670.

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